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- ❖ *Use your youth as good as possible.*
- ❖ *Do the best and pray. God will take care of the rest*
- ❖ *Better to feel how hard education is at this time rather than feel the bitterness of stupidity, later.*
- ❖ *Patience is needed when you want to achieve a success.*
- ❖ *An action is the foundation of a success.*
- ❖ *Intelligence is not the determinant of success, but hard work is the real determinant of your success.*
- ❖ *The Intelligent people can lose because of the tenacity of the fools.*
- ❖ *Stop underestimating yourself.*

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ABSTRACT

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The objectives of this study are to analyze Nicholas Spark's *The Best of Me* novel based on the structural elements of the novel and the different class in major and minor characters reflected in Nicholas Spark's *The Best of Me* based on a marxist approach. The research is qualitative research. The object of the study is *The Best of Me* novel by Nicholas Spark's which is published in 1976. It is analyzed by using Marxist approach. The method of collecting data are; reading the novel repeatedly, taking notes of important part in both primary and secondary data, underlying the important word, phrases and sentences which are related to the study, arranging the data into several part based on its classification, selecting the data by rejecting the irrelevant information which does not support the topic of the study, drawing the conclusion of the analysis that has already done in the former chapter and formulating its pedagogical suggestion. The results of the study show that the structural analysis of *The Best of Me* novel consists of character and characterization where Dawson and Amanda as the major character and the minor character is Frank Ridley, Tommy Cole, Ted Cole. The theme of *The Best of Me* novel is an accident relationship becomes a tragic family accident. The setting in *The Best of Me* novel consists of setting of place and setting of time. The plot in *The Best of Me* novel using complication, exposition, climax, resolution. The point of view the novel is coming from the author where he wants to have the romance novel formula down to a science. The Marxism analysis of the novel consists of, 1) the dialectical materialism consists of the thesis is a real condition of social life of the character within the novel especially the condition of Dawson where he lives as a poor man. The antithesis is a social live which is live in a high status. The sinthesis appears as the impact of the above thesis and antithesis. 2) The historical materialism in the best of Me novel shows that the society use the court and prison to judge give the punishment for people that guilty. The police also part of government weapon to keep the justice in society. 3) The class struggle in the Best of Me novel shows that there are class conflict between the lower class and high class. 4) The alienation in the Best of Me novel appears where there is some certain amazing misery hapened in Dawson's life. 5) The Resolution is a way to get equal right and position in all aspect of life in society.

Keywords: Marxist, *The Best of Me* novel, Different class

ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis novel dari Nicholas Spark yang berjudul The Best of Me berdasarkan unsur-unsur struktural novel dan kelas yang berbeda dalam karakter mayor dan minor tercermin dalam Nicholas Spark The Best of Me berdasarkan pendekatan marxis. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif. Objek dari penelitian ini adalah Novel The Best of Me karya Nicholas Spark ini yang diterbitkan pada tahun 1976. Hal ini dianalisis dengan menggunakan pendekatan Marxis. Metode pengumpulan data; membaca novel berulang kali, membuat catatan dari bagian penting dalam data primer dan sekunder, yang mendasari kata yang penting, frasa dan kalimat yang berhubungan dengan penelitian, mengatur data ke dalam beberapa bagian berdasarkan klasifikasinya, memilih data dengan menolak relevan informasi yang tidak mendukung topik penelitian, menarik kesimpulan dari analisis yang telah dilakukan di bekas bab dan merumuskan saran pedagogis nya. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa analisis struktural The Best of Me baru terdiri dari karakter dan karakterisasi dimana Dawson dan Amanda sebagai karakter utama dan karakter minor adalah Frank Ridley, Tommy Cole, Ted Cole. Tema dari novel The Best of Me adalah hubungan kecelakaan menjadi kecelakaan keluarga tragis. Setting tempat dari novel The Best of Me terdiri dari setting tempat dan setting waktu. Plot di The Best of Me baru menggunakan komplikasi, eksposisi, klimaks, resolusi. Sudut pandang novel ini berasal dari penulis di mana ia ingin memiliki rumus novel roman ke ilmu pengetahuan. Analisis marxisme dari novel terdiri dari, 1) The materialisme dialektika terdiri dari tesis adalah kondisi nyata kehidupan sosial karakter dalam novel terutama kondisi Dawson di mana dia sebagai orang miskin. Antitesis adalah hidup sosial yang hidup dalam status yang tinggi. Sinthesis muncul sebagai dampak dari tesis di atas dan antitesis. 2) Materialisme historis dalam novel The Best of Me menunjukkan bahwa masyarakat menggunakan pengadilan dan penjara untuk memberikan hukuman bagi orang-orang yang bersalah. Polisi juga bagian dari senjata pemerintah untuk menjaga keadilan dalam masyarakat. 3) Perjuangan kelas di novel The Best of Me baru menunjukkan bahwa ada konflik kelas antara kelas bawah dan kelas tinggi. 4) Keterasingan di novel The Best of Me Novel muncul di mana ada beberapa kesengsaraan dalam kehidupan Dawson. 5) Resolusi adalah Cara untuk mendapatkan hak dan posisi yang Sama dalam semua aspek kehidupan di masyarakat.

Kata kunci: Marxis, The Best of Me, Perbedaan kelas yang berbeda.